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PETROL/DIESEL RETAIL OUTLETS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a): the total number of petrol/diesel outlets of various oil PSUs commissioned recently in Madhya Pradesh, Chattisgarh, Rajasthan, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh under Kissan Vikas Kendra category; and

(b): the number of retail outlets commissioned during the last two years under "Transport" category in these States?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a): The public sector oil marketing companies (OMCs), viz., Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC), Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and IBP Co. Limited (IBP), have schemes of opening low-cost retail outlets (petrol/diesel outlets) in rural areas, under different names. IOC outlets are called 'Kisan Seva Kendra', IBP and HPCL outlets are named Gramin Seva Kendra and 'Kisan Vikas Kendra' respectively. BPCL's scheme, under their rural area retail outlet marketing plan, is similar to that of IOC.

During the period April-June, 2005, the OMCs commissioned 17 such retail outlets in the following States:

Madhya Pradesh - 2 Nos.
Rajasthan - 8 Nos.
Uttar Pradesh - 7 Nos.

(b): There is no category of retail outlets called 'Transport' category. However, the guidelines of the OMCs provide for allotment of retail outlets to 'fleet operators' , i.e., the ones owning or having in attachment a group of vehicles with certain volume commitments. The number of retail outlets commissioned by the OMCs under the fleet operators category in the States of Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, during the years 2003-04 and 2004-05, was as under:-

State	No. of retail outlets commissioned during	
	2003-04	2004-05
Madhya Pradesh	27	62
Chhattisgarh	9	26
Rajasthan	5	35
Bihar	0	4
Uttar Pradesh	23	63